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UNDER UTILIZATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not utilized the full amount allocated by the Planning Commission for the energy sector for the current financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has completed the work on all the projects announced during 2003-04; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not carrying out the work of power projects in a time bound manner?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : The utilization of budgetary allocation of Ministry of Power is expected to be Rs.14,681 crores out of Rs.15,630 crores which comprises of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) as well as and Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR). This is nearly 94% of the budgeted allocation for the Ministry of Power. The reason for reduced utilization is non-approval of projects/schemes of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) and Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

(c) & (d) : The target for capacity addition of power projects during the year 2003-04 was 5202.3 MW. Projects totaling to 3951.02 MW were commissioned. The main reason for shortfall in achievement of the target is delay in commissioning of two large Hydro projects namely Dulhasti Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Jammu & Kashmir and Tehri HEP in Uttaranchal. While the delay in the case of Dulhasti HEP is on account of extreme working conditions arising out of the law and order problems, Tehri HEP was delayed due to complex technical issues.